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SPECIFICATION:

The specification is objected to as failing to provide
45 proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.
The examiner cites 37 CFR 1.75 (d) (1) and MPEP 608.01 (c).

The examiner noted for example, "anterior pretibia shell,"
"an upper tibia portion," front and back portion," "lower
50 ankle forefoot portion," top and bottom" (Claim 1), "upper
flanges (Claim 2), "lower flanges (Claim 3), "external
flanges," (Claim 8). The examiner further states that the
applicant is advised to review the entire specification and
provide proper antecedent basis for every term used in the
55 claims.

Responsive to the examiner's objection, the applicant has
reviewed and corrected the entire specification to provide
the proper antecedent basis for every term used in the
60 claims. Claims 1, 2, and 3 have been amended to include
the proper antecedent basis in the specification to comply
with the examiner's objection.

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